

IT Strategic Transformation Meeting 1-25-06

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Elias reviewed the executive presentation with the committee which is at about 95% complete. He is scheduled to do the presentation on 2/9. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting is welcome.

Agenda: Introduction, Context, Current State of IT at UB, Vision and Strategies for IT Transformation, Key Initiatives, and the Value Proposition and the Recommended Approach to Implementation.

CONTEXT: The presentation sets the context that IT is important to achieve academic excellence and stipulates how IT supports academic excellence (Granting agencies expect advanced IT infrastructure and IT support for research, IT is essential to research and collaboration, and UB academic white paper on the strategic strength in the Information and Computing Technology.) It shows specific case studies of how IT has achieved academic excellence, what the issues were with these case studies and how they were resolved. It defines core and utility.

CURRENT STATE OF IT AT UB: The presentation shows the complexity of UB and how diverse and how graphically distributed UB is. It shows what the technology does at UB, such as UBLeads, labs, web grading, printing, email, wireless, network, online registration, MyUB, and others. It shows that we may have an opportunity to redeploy capacity from non-end user support to end-user support. It shows points of delivery of IT directly from the data collected. It shows customer input of what they believe would empower them to use technology more effectively in their work. It shows the obstacles of delivery such as not providing enough support for research and instruction, and that we lack a coherent strategy for effective development and deployment of IT staff.

VISION of IT TRANSFORMATION: The presentation includes the 4 strategies for change and why the strategies are important.

INITIATIVE: The presentation shows the 10 initiatives that relate to the 4 strategies. It shows the major initiatives such as how we envision the governance process and how we optimize the management of IT resources, and key points on how we will do it.

IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH: The presentation shows we have created a 5-yr strategy, that represents 56 projects. It shows the initial emphasis for the next 12 months.

There was a discussion on whether IT should drive whether we join national research networking initiatives (such as GENI), or if should that be left up to research.

The group reviewed the slides to provide ideas on how to shorten the presentation.

The Town Hall meeting on 2/3 is being canceled.